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REMARKS

Claims 1-67 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

The Office Action has set forth that the present application includes a first species as illustrated in Figs. 21-24, and a second species as illustrated in Fig. 27. The Office Action has also outlined Subspecies a as illustrated in Fig. 19 and Subspecies b as illustrated in Fig. 19a. The Examiner has stated that Applicants must select one of these species for prosecution.

Applicants provisionally elect Species 1b as illustrated in Figs. 19a and 21-24 for prosecution, with traverse. According to the Office Action, claims 1, 20 and 40 are generic. Furthermore, Applicants submit that claims 1-24, 26-42 and 44-66 should be examined along with the election of Species 1b.

All pending claims 1-67 are believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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